ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received a notice of motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the situation created by the forcible and unlawful removal by the reserve police of the receipt book issued by the Travancore State Congress for enlistment of members from the possession of Joseph Cheriyan, Kunnel house, Edathua Muri, Kozhimukku pakuthy, in the last week of Mithunom 1113.

The Police Commissioner will please tell us what he knows about the matter.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Commissioner of Police*): I can assure the House that no complaint has been received by the Police Commissioner. If a complaint is received, certainly the matter will be looked into.

PRESIDENT: The question of the alleged forcible and unlawful removal by the reserve police of a receipt book issued by the State Congress is not a matter of public importance. Moreover, this kind of motion for adjournment of the business is entirely out of place. For obtaining information of the kind that is sought to be elucidated, the procedure of short notice questions should be resorted to in respect of which ample powers are vested in the President under Rule 12. Government may be asked whether these receipt books were taken possession of by the reserve police. If Government are given a day or two's notice then they will be able to enquire into the matter. To bring this matter in the form of an adjournment motion is irregular and out of order. I disallow the motion.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

Under Rule 69, the debate on the budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of Demands for Grants. Two days have been allotted for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting of Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the list of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. The Demands under I-Land Revenue and Income Tax and IV—Public Works may each be discussed for one whole day; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than fifteen minutes as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

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